[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*c*) Mr. Nagaraja Rao has been an Assistant in the Vaccine Depôt. He has passed the English School Leaving Certificate Examination, Madras, the Government Technical Examinations in Hygiene and Physiology (Intermediate) and Minor Sanitary Engineering (Intermediate), and Vaccination. He is, in the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner, competent to hold charge of the Depôt temporarily.

Establishment of a new Match Factory.

36. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Kalkulam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether permission has been given for the establishment of a match factory in central Travancore, and, if so, whether any agreement has been entered into with the Government?

(*b*) If any agreement has been entered into, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the same?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Excise Buildings at Arukutty

37. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points:—

(*a*) when the construction of the excise buildings at Arukutty was started;

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer has received any report regarding the bad work done in those buildings, and if so, when;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that, towards the close of 1097, the then Executive Engineer, Mr. M. P. Mani reported to the Chief Engineer that the concrete laid for the foundation was only 3 inches to 6 inches thick, instead of 18 inches, as provided for in the estimate, and that the whole quantity as per the estimate was billed for and paid, causing thereby a loss of Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 6,000;

(*d*) whether any enquiry was held in the matter so far by the Chief Engineer;

(*e*) who is responsible for the loss;

(*f*) whether the Section Officer was given a promotion after the report against him was received by the Chief Engineer; and

(*g*) whether the Government will be pleased to enquire into this matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Government have no information.

(*b*) Yes; in July, 1922.

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(*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*g*) The matter is under enquiry.

(*f*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether any enquiry was held in the matter by the Chief Engineer?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer given there says that the matter is under enquiry.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): That is the answer. But this is my further supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: The printed answer contains the answer also to the member's supplementary question. "The matter is under enquiry" means that the enquiry is going on.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): It is not said in the answer whether the enquiry is made by the Chief Engineer or by the Government. So I have put a further question to get a definite answer.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter has been enquired into by the Chief Engineer.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): If so, have the Government found the person responsible for the loss?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The person responsible can be found out and the liability fixed by the Government only when the matter is finally disposed of.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): In the answer to part (*c*), it is said that the matter is under enquiry. I want to know whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer reported the matter to the Chief Engineer.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The contents of official documents cannot be revealed at this stage.

Literacy in certain Communities.

38. MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to give the percentage of literates to the whole population under the following heads: Christians, Nairs, Brahmins, Ezhavas, Vellalas, other Hindus, and Mahomedans?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to chapter VIII and tables thereunder of the Travancore Census Report for 1921.

Grant of Land for Salt Culture.

39. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*):

(*a*) Have Government sanctioned an additional grant of 20 acres land to Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar besides the old grant?

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